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DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/I/PIB AND S/S

1. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, RSO HARRISON AND BLYSTON HELD A MEETING WITH COL. EFENDI MADONADO OF ECUADOREAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WHO HAS TAKENOVER SECURITY FOR OAS CONFERENCE. COL. MADONADO ADVISED DURING THE MEETING THAT ALL FOREIGN SECURITY AGENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CARRY WEAPONS. HE ADDED THAT ALL AGENTS FOUND WITH WEAPONS WILL HAVE THEM TAKEN AWAY. THE COLONEL ADVISED THAT THE AIRPORT AND CONFERENCE SITE WILL HAVE METAL DETECTORS TO SCREEN ALL PERSONNEL.

2. ALL RSOS SHOULD NOT RPT SHOULD NOT BRING WEAPONS. SECURITY AGENTS ACCOMPANING DELEGATION FROM WASHINGTON CAN BRING WEAPONS, BUT SHOULD TRANSPORT ALL WEAPONS WITH CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. SECURITY AGENTS TRAVELLING WITH DEPTUY SECRETARY INGERSOLL SHOULD NOT RPT SHOULD NOT ARRIVE QUITO ARMED.

3. COL. MADONADO FURTHER STATED THAT ECUADOR WILL PROVIDE ONE ARMED BODYGUARD ON A 24 HOUR BASIS FOR THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. ALONG WITH THE 24 HOUR BODYGUARD THE ECUADOREANS WILL PROVIDE 3 MAN MOTORCYCLE ESCORT.

4. COL. MADONADO REMARKED DURING THE MEETING THAT DISTURBANCES ARE
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EXPECTED. THE NATURE OF THE DISTURBANCES, EITHER VIOLENT OR PEACEFUL,

HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. THE LIKELIHOOD OF BOTH IS VERY PROBABLE.

5. EMBASSY QUITO RADIO EQUIPMENT IS INADEQUATE AND UNRELIABLE.
SECURITY AGENTS ARRIVING FROM WASHINGTON SHOULD BRING 4 WALKIE TALKIES
AND 5, 10 WATT UNITS. THIS EQUIPMENT A MUST.

6. IN REFERENCE TO PARA 2, COL. MADONADO ADVISED THAT ANY AGENT FOUND
CARRYING WEAPONS WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF ECUADOREAN SECURITY DE-
TAIL AND CONFISCATION OF WEAPONS.
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